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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Use of Airlie House Conference Center

REFERENCE : Ltr dtd 27 Jan 76 to Director fm
Representative Bella S. Abzug

Pat:

Confirming our telephone conversation on 30 January 1976, the Office of Training's use of the Airlie House Conference Center has been confined to participation in external training programs, conducted at the Center by other Government agencies. Payment for the training courses was handled by Interagency vouchers, paid by the Office of Finance to the facility concerned.

For the past five years, our records reflect the following:

(a) Conference of Ethics Counselors, 24-25 November 1975, sponsored by the Civil Service Commission. Two Agency employees were in attendance: [REDACTED] both from the OGC. A copy of the course announcement is attached.

(b) Population Analysis Conference, sponsored by the Agency for International Development, a three-day conference which ran in March and May 1971. Agency employees in attendance: [REDACTED] all from OTR. A copy of a course critique is attached.

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Director of Training

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Memorandum

Subject: Conference of Ethics Counselors at Airlie House
November 24-25, 1975

Date: SEP 8 1975

In Reply Refer To:

From: David Reich
Ethics Counsel
(632-5524)

Your Reference:

To: ETHICS COUNSELORS

- (1) There will be a conference of all ethics counselors at famed Airlie House near Warrenton, Virginia, on November 24 and 25. Airlie House is only a 45 minute drive from the Potomac River bridges. We will convene there at 11:00 a.m. on November 24 and remain until 4:00 p.m. on November 25. Board and lodging for the period will be \$45 for each participant.
- (2) The purpose of the conference is to share mutual problems in our unique field and to have the opportunity for attaining specific results in a setting removed from busy offices and urban disturbances. Seminars are being planned on such topics as:
 - (a) Should there be an exemption dollar wise for limited holding of shares in a single company--a type of de minimis theory?
 - (b) Can a Federal official be given administrative leave and at the same time have his expenses paid for by a private organization, be it quasi-public or otherwise?
 - (c) Where an employee is required to dispose of stock by reason of a conflict of interest, should he be required to do so immediately? See 5 C.F.R. 735.107(b)(2). Is the current state of the stock market an appropriate consideration?
 - (d) Analysis of proposed legislation, such as a provision for making confidential statements available for public inspection.
 - (e) Is it appropriate for a Federal official to serve on the Board of Trustees of a University of which he is not an alumnus? If so, under what conditions?
 - (f) The problems, if any, of attorneys serving as lawyers for Federal employees in personnel proceedings. See 18 U.S.C. 205.

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- (g) Can standards be defined for apparent conflicts of interest? Is it basically a judgment question--an ad hoc determination?
- (h) Review of 5 C.F.R. Part 735 for possible clarification, modification or amendment.
- (3) I would appreciate any recommendations you may have for additional topics or for amplification of any of the above. Would you be willing to serve as a seminar leader? Do you have any examples of conflict problems which you would like to present for discussion?
- (4) Please return the attached reservation sheet by October 1, 1975. You may extend this invitation to any other person in your agency who is intimately involved in the ethics program.

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16 June 1971

SUBJECT: Report on the Fourth Airlie House Conference
on Population

AT FROM :

1. The Population Conference, a relatively recently organized program sponsored by AID and run by the National Interdepartmental Seminar, is intended primarily for State and AID personnel. The Conference attempts to acquaint U.S. officials with the immediate as well as long term problems and issues that population growth present to a country, especially the less developed, and U.S. interests and programs in this area. In addition to State and AID officials, Agency and HEW representatives were enrolled.

The program, because of its purpose, touches on only a few areas of concern to Agency personnel, but nevertheless is useful.

2. The Conference is unusually well-run, efficient but relaxed, informal, and has been set up to encourage a high degree of class participation. If this running was representative of the other conferences this aim was successfully attained. The class evidenced a very high degree of interest from the first day and sustained its enthusiasm throughout the program. The extensive overseas experience of the students (most were 0-2 or 0-3, GS-14 or above) made their questions and observations meaningful and contributed substantially to the effectiveness of the Conference.

The Conference has been able to gather an unusually effective group of speakers, from government, universities, and private organizations, and this, of course, is a critical factor for achieving a sound program. What caps the effectiveness of the Conference is the quality and personality of the team that runs the Seminar -

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Chairman Howard Haugerud of the NIS, John Tobler who administers the 3-day program, and Dr. Andre Hellegers, a consultant, who participates as a speaker and who coordinates the many presentations into a meaningful unity.

Needless to say, Airlie House is delightful as the location for the program.

3. Since the Conference is geared mainly for officials who will be to some degree concerned in their assignments with the problems of population, the program does not emphasize issues and situations that are of great interest to Agency personnel. However, both Newell and Schreiber derived significant benefit from the Seminar since OTR has recently become increasingly concerned in its courses with the problems of the less developed countries.

4. In the critique session that concluded the Conference we suggested that a few speakers from foreign countries should be included in the program. These, after all, are the types of people our U.S. officials must work with and their points of view and their opinions would be useful to understand.

In addition, we would have gained more from the program if greater attention had been given to political issues and their ramifications. Unfortunately, the one presentation in the program devoted to that question didn't really deal with the subject. However, we did benefit greatly from the presentation on Latin America by Professor Stycos of Cornell; he analyzed some of the issues related to population problems and the attitudes of political groups, his remarks were highly informative and useful.

5. Several of the speakers were exceptionally effective: Dr. Hellegers throughout the 3-day program, Milo Cox of AID on World Agriculture, and R. T. Ravenholt of AID on U.S. Medical Assistance Programs.

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Director of Training
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Counsel Attn: Mr.

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